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Ms. Wong,

Please consider the following proposed amendment to claim 1. If the proposed amendment is acceptable, other changes will have to be made to the other claims in order to accommodate the language and scope of claim 1, but there is no point in talking about these other changes until agreement is reached with respect to claim 1. Please call me at your earliest convenience to discuss the amendment.

Thank you,

10 David Romeo

1. A device for inducing local bone or cartilage formation, comprising:
 - a purified osteogenic protein, wherein said osteogenic protein comprises an amino acid sequence having at least 70% homology with the C-terminal seven cysteine domain of human OP-1 (amino acids 330-431 of SEQ ID NO: 2) and induces the repair of endochondral bone when implanted together with a matrix in a mammal;
 - a matrix; and
 - a binding agent, wherein said binding agent is carboxymethylcellulose having a degree of substitution of 0.65-0.90 and a viscosity of about 10-200 cP at a 4% (w/v) concentration of said binding agent.